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FOLLOWING IS BIO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO POST ON PAKISTANI
DELEGATES FROM LAHORE

1. GHULAM ABBAS: FULL NAME IS MIAN GHULAM ABBAS QURESHI.
PEOPLES' PARTY (PPP) MEMBER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FROM
MUZAFARGARH DISTRICT OF WESTERN PUNJAB. ABOUT 40 YEARS OLD
AND SON OF RESPECTED LANDOWNER AND POLITICIAN. FATHER IS
STAUNCH MUSLIM LEAGUER, BUT GHULAM ABBAS, WHO IS CLOSE TO
FORMER PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER MUSTAFA KHAR, JOINED PPP IN
1970, WINNING SEAT TO PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY (PA) IN 1970
GENERAL ELECTIONS. IN DEC 1973, HE RESIGNED FROM PA TO
ALLOW KHAR TO OBTAIN PROVINCIAL SEAT, (AND BECOME CHIEF
MINISTER) AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER WON ELECTION TO NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY SEAT VACATED BY KHAR. PRESUMABLY HE WILL NOT BE
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ON BEST OF TERMS WITH DELEGATE KHALID MALIK (SEE BELOW.)

2. MALIK MOHAMMAD KHALID (AS LISTED BY GOP): PREFERRED STYLE IS MOHAMMAD KHALID MALIK. ABOUT 35, MAL F COMES FROM WEALTHY LANDLORD FAMILY OF LYALLPUR IN CENTRAL PUNJAB- HE BECAME FRIENDLY WITH PM BHUTTO IN LATE 60'S AND JOINED PPP SHORTLY AFTER IT WAS FOUNDED IN 1967. HE HAS REPUTATION OF BEING HARD PARTY WORKER, ALBEIT SOMETHING OF A PLAYBOY. HE EASILY WON PA SEAT DURING 1970 ELECTIONS. UNTIL EARLY 1974, MALIK WAS ALSO CLOSE TO FORMER PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER KHAR. IN FEBRUARY, THE TWO HAD VIOLENT FALLING OUT OVER MATTERS NOT YET CLEAR. THEREAFTER, MALIK WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN REMOVAL OF KHAR FROM CHIEF MINISTERSHIP. IT NOT CLEAR WHY HE WAS INCLUDED ON UNGA DELEGATION, BUT MALIK HAS BEEN CULTIVATING CHIEF MINISTER RAMAY, REPORTEDLY IN HOPES OF OBTAINING PROVINCIAL CABINET POST. TRIP TO NEW YORK MAY BE RAMAY'S (AND BHUTTO'S) SOP FOR NOT NAMING HIM MINISTER. MALIK IS ALSO CLOSE TO PROVINCIAL PPP PRESIDENT MALIK MERAJ KHALID, WHO LED PAK UNGA DEL LAST YEAR.

3. S. M. MASUD: FULL NAME IS SYED MOHAMMAD MASUD. BORN IN 1933 INTO MIDDLE CLASS FAMILY NOW SETTLED IN GUJRAT DISTRICT (FATHER IS RETIRED MINOR POST OFFICE OFFICIAL.) MASUD HOLDS LAW DEGREE FROM PUNJAB UNIV AND PRACTICES BEFORE LAHORE HIGH COURT AND SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN. HE IS FOUNDER-MEMBER OF PPP, VICE-PRESIDENT OF PPP HIGH COURT LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, AND TEACHES INTERNATIONAL LAW AT LAHORE LAW COLLEGE. HE WAS ELECTED TO PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY IN DEC 1973 IN BY-ELECTION FOR LAHORE SEAT VACATED BY DEATH OF INCUMBENT. IN EARLY 1973 HE WAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT IN PAKISTAN FOREIGN SERVICE, BUT HAD AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT IN WHICH HIS LEGS WERE SEVERELY INJURED AND DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT WAS CANCELLED.

4. DR. ABDUL MATIN: BRIEF BIO MATERIAL WAS CONTAINED IN LAHORE A-006 DATED MARCH 21, 1974. APPARENTLY, MATIN WAS PROMOTED TO MINISTER SINCE HIS LATERAL ENTRY FOREIGN SERVICE CLASS GRADUATED.

5. KHALID MAHMUD: MAHMUD IS LAHORE LAWYER, ABOUT 47 YEARS OLD. HE ATTENDED 1972 UNGA AS MEMBER OF PAK DEL, AND
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APPARENTLY MADE FRIENDS THEN WITH GOP FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI, WHO APPROVED HIS INCLUSION ON THIS YEAR'S DEL. MAHMUD IS ALSO RELATED TO GOP LABOR MINISTER HANEEF, WHO REPORTEDLY "ARRANGED" FOR MAHMUD TO VISIT NEW YORK AGAIN. HE IS MEMBER OF PPP AND FRIEND OF MPA S. M. MASUD (SEE PARA 3). INTERESTINGLY, THOUGH, HE IS ALSO CLOSE TO TEHRIK ISTIQLAL LEADER AND MNA MIAN MAHMUD ALI KASURI.

6. FAROOQ LEGHARI: YOUNG (IN EARLY 30'S) MEMBER OF FAMOUS ARISTOCRATIC CLAN OF D.G. KHAN DISTRICT OF WESTERN PUNJAB.

WE DO NOT KNOW LEGHARI, BUT HE HAS REPUTATION AS PLAYBOY
WHO DABBLES IN POLITICS FROM TIME TO TIME. LEGHARI CHIEFS
ARE BALUCHI IN ORIGIN AND MOST PROMINENT FAMILY OF D. G.
KHAN. FAROOQ'S UNCLE, SARDAR ATA MOHAMMAD KHAN LEGHARI,
IS PUNJAB MPA.
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